

## Editorial Miscellany.

A fool laughs, but a wise man smiles.

Another Arctic expedition is considered by the Russian Government.

The corporate limits of Ashland have been extended. We are progressing.

H. R. Holsinger arrived home Monday evening. His next trip will be westward.

The salient points in the development of man are the home, the school, and the society.

The Cholera is lessening in severity in France but it rages with increasing fatality in Italy.

Judge Folger, Secretary of the Treasury, died at his home in Geneva, N. Y., September 4th.

The Jews are almost entirely exempt from the cholera plague. They eschew pork and live temperately.

Brother Z. T. Livengood, Lanark, Ill., writes, "We are getting along nicely in every way and feel encouraged."

We are sorry to learn that brother Mallott's health is failing him somewhat. Hope he may speedily be restored.

The Old German Baptists received two by baptism in the Warrensburg church, Mo., lately,—so says our friend John Culp.

J. H. Moore gives the Brethren credit for building a meeting house in Florida. It is a mistake. It is a German Baptist house.

The Hon. Julius H. Seelye is preparing an article on "Moral Character in Politics," to appear in the next issue of the *North American Review*.

We are pleased to report one more progressive in the Philadelphia church. We extend our hearty congratulations to brother Roberts and family.

There was a destructive fire at Cleveland, Sunday night of last week. The fire was seen from the Ashland College grounds; a distance of about fifty miles.

Some of our readers are disposed to criticize Elder Beer's articles on "The Church and its Officers." Brother Beer will have a right to the closing speech.

On Sept. 25, 1884, the B. & O. R. R. Co., will sell round trip tickets to Columbus, O., at low excursion rates. For rates, time of trains, &c., call upon agents of the B. & O. R. R.

Not to let brother Brown pause too long for an answer, we will say that we should have a ministerial convention before the time for holding our next Sunday School convention.

"We are too apt to take a thing for granted, and consider it right, because our fathers or grandfathers believed or practiced thus."

A. W. VANIMAN.

At a meeting of the Brethren lately, on Benshoof's Hill, there were thirty-three persons present by the name of Benshoof. That hill has the right name. So says the *Johnstown, Pa., Tribune*.

A correspondent of the *Ashland Times*, from Rowsburg, remarks that they have need there of a Peter Cartwright, and wants some good christian to send them the EVANGELIST. Your address please?

Brother J. H. Thompson, of Masontown, Fayette county, Pa., arrived at Ashland, last Wednesday, and is now a member of the EVANGELIST family. He expects to help in the office as book-keeper and editor.

Bro. A. A. Cober preached an excellent sermon in college chapel last Sunday. His text was "Follow me," the words of Jesus by the shores of Galilee. Brother Cober's appeal to his fellow students was very effective.

Bishop D. N. Workman, a leader in the German Baptist church, drives the finest rig in Ashland county. His carriage is extra fine and costly, and his black horse is rivalled only by Jay-eye-see or Maud S.

The Brethren church as well as all other Christian workers, might learn a lesson from the way the political campaign is worked. Thorough organization and method are important factors in the success of any work.

Some of our subscribers have been timely in securing us additional subscribers. Not too late to do good yet. Send us fifty cents and we will send the BRETHRENS' EVANGELIST to any one you may name until January 1885.

We notice the recent death of Mary Clemmer-Hudson, who for many years has written for the *New York Independent*, and has always taken a deep interest in education. Her loss will be keenly felt in to-day's literature.

President Hinsdale of Hiram College, says: "I do not hesitate to say that every seed sown in Hiram has paid back to the church and to the public an hundred fold." So a college will repay the church which sustains it.

If we do not soon hear from our Ohio Colony, in Dakota, we will vote that State out of the Union again. We wonder whether brother Worst's

pen has gone off in a blizzard, or whether his ink remains frozen the year round.

There is quite a difference between sin as a particular act, and a sin as a habit, a state. What can it avail if the sin should be forgiven, blotted out, annihilated and forgotten, as long as *sin* the cause, the root, the fountain, remains.

Our answers to queries and some items were crowded out last week. We hope, however, this will not discourage the querists. We desire you to continue asking us practical questions, and we will try to find time and space to answer them.

The number of working bees in Prof. Ward's department is larger, and the number of drones fewer, this term, than ever before, and the musical talent of the students is of a very high order. The same is also true of the students in the other departments.

The September number of the *Vindicator* contains an article by Elder B. F. Moomaw, of Virginia, in opposition to Sunday Schools. B. F. M. is one of the leaders of the German Baptist church and he quotes largely from annual meeting to sustain his views.

By all appearances the Brethren church will have a lively campaign this fall and winter. The record of the church since the reorganization has been exceedingly gratifying. Brethren, sisters, pray on, work on, God will give you grace to reap the ripening harvest.

A sister, in sending two dollars for the beneficiary fund to send four copies of the paper to as many subscribers until the close of the year, says, "It affords me much pleasure to fulfil such pleasant duties." May others, also, realize that it is truly more blessed to give than to receive.

Prof. Ward reports that the music department of Ashland college, is now, at the beginning of the first term, fuller than at the busiest time last year. Which is evidence that he will have all he can handle by next term. And he is capable of doing a very large amount of work.

The Gospel Messenger is a very newsy paper, as well as religious. In its issue of September 9th, it reported to its many readers the circumstances of the Greeley expedition. We expect next week they will announce that the Brethren church was reorganized at Dayton, Ohio, and in due time publish the death of Wendell Phillips.

Brother Bashor writing from Waterloo, Iowa, September 11th, says: "Our meetings still go on. Four more came out last night; making up to this date a total of twenty-seven, with many more deeply convicted. We will close early next week with a communion services, after which I will give you a full report of our doings."

We think our College reporter is placing a rather low estimate on the average citizen, when he says that he can hardly realize that the college is in session on the hill. We would respectfully invite this Mr. Average Citizen to view the College during the hours for study, recitation and legitimate recreation. The College moves in good society.

Brother Beer—we should perhaps say Elder, but brother is more endearing to us—still continues to send us copy. We know our readers will appreciate his writings. We felt very sorry to lose brother Beer from the "states" but we now see that the change has done him good—that is to say we know it—because he writes so industriously for our columns.

We can endorse this: "For myself," says Dr. J. B. Thomas, in an article on "The Revision of Creeds," in the *North American Review*, "for myself I have never thought uninspired re-statements of inspired statements so essential or serviceable as many others do, to whose superior judgments I bow. So long as the 'green pastures' are green, they are better than baled hay, and quite as safe for flock and herd."

We have received an article about some disorders in a Conservative church, which we prefer not to publish. It is the same old story of jealousy and inconsistency that we have heard so much about already, and to which there seems to be no end. Such things must be reported in brief and to the point, if at all, or we must needs enlarge the EVANGELIST tenfold to contain it all. We prefer to publish more edifying matter.

The September number of the *Vindicator* is before us. We notice quite an improvement in its make up, as well as in the reading matter. We infer that the editor's daughter is assisting her father in the sanctum. We do not know what the qualifications of this young office editress is, but we suggest that unless she is already well educated, a few terms at Ashland College would increase her usefulness in her new sphere immensely.

Vermont, Michigan, New Hampshire, and lately New York, have been influenced by the temperance workers, to pass laws making scientific education, as regards the pernicious influence of intoxicants on the human system, compulsory. This is a hard hit at the rum power. Science demonstrates that alcohol is pernicious in its in-

fluence, and to teach this fact to school children, is laying the foundation for reform broad and deep.

I. J. Rosenberger writes long articles for the Gospel Messenger, wherein he declares that the church is not divided. Which of course means that the small faction to which he belongs is the church and all outside of that is heresies and schisms. We believe the Pope of Rome claims the same for his church. We humbly suggest that Pope Leo and Bishop Rosenberger hold a joint discussion on this question. As neither church would likely allow their church buildings defiled by each others presence, we suggest that the discussion might be held in some Protestant church.

The spread of Mormonism in Arizona has aroused public sentiment in that territory. The United States Grand Jury has found seven indictments for polygamy, the first ever found in Arizona. A brief telegram by the Associated Press states that great excitement prevails and both Mormons and Gentiles "are watching the proceedings with profound interest." It has been one of the favorite projects of the Mormon leaders to establish colonies outside of Utah, and they have succeeded to some extent in Idaho and Nevada. It may be hoped that this action of the Grand Jury will prevent a settlement in Arizona.

"Self-denial should not be practiced in one direction only. Some of our people talk about the sacrifices they make; they deny themselves of the personal adornment that are so much admired by the world. But is this really much of a sacrifice? May it not be that the doctrine of non-conformity suits our ideas of economy pretty well? Some time ago a minister said he believed in plainness, but he feared that some of the Brethren were plain rather as a matter of economy than from principle."—*Gospel Messenger*.

We are glad that the Messenger for once gives us credit for something good—that of being plain, but we are sorry it cannot say anything good about the "Brethren" without impeaching our motives.

The "Quakers of Alaska" is a name given to the 17,000 Eskimoes who occupy the coast line north of the Aleutian peninsula. Many have adopted not a few of the modes of dress and life, and also the worse vices, of the white men. A large portion of this people are, however, both physically and intellectually, greatly superior to the Eskimoes of Labrador and Greenland; they have thus far sternly kept themselves aloof from all intercourse with the whites, and are so industrious, peaceable, sober, and virtuous as to have won this sobriquet. They live in well ordered, and sometimes large and populous villages. The Moravians are commencing missionary work among them.

"There was a time when our brethren were noted for honesty. Their word was as good as their note. Then, too, when they had anything to sell, they were trusted as they never misrepresented things. This was, and should now be the standing of the Brethren before the world; but we fear our reputation for honesty is declining."—*Gospel Messenger*.

We are sorry to hear this, but from some things we know of, we are aware of the truth of the assertion, and it is to our sorrow and loss that we thus speak. We, too, hope with the Messenger that while his brethren are thus sadly degenerating, the standing of the "Brethren" before the world may be different. But why the Messenger should kindly concern himself about the "Brethren" instead of his own brethren, is not altogether clear to us.

Among the articles in the *North American Review* for September, three in particular merit the serious consideration of every one who studies the tendencies of our government. The leading one is by Bishop J. Lancaster Spalding, who insists that the only sure "Basis of Popular Government" is morality, not culture of the intellect, nor universal suffrage, nor the development of material resources; and that if the country is to be saved from ruin, there must be a return to the uncompromising moral code of the founders of New England. The policy of "The Exclusion of the Chinese" is advocated by John H. Durst, who presents a striking array of forcible and original arguments, against Mongolian immigration. Four distinguished writers on political economy, namely, David A. Wells, Thomas G. Shearman, J. B. Sargent and Prof. W. G. Sumner, set forth, from nearly every conceivable point of view, the "Evils of the Tariff System"; and it is announced that in the *Review* for October several writers of no less distinction will exhibit the "Benefits of the Tariff System." The other articles in the current number are "The Demand of the Industrial Spirit," by Charles Dudley Warner; "Inspiration and Infallibility," by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Rylance; "The Need of Liberal Divorce Laws," by Elizabeth Cady Stanton; and "Our Remote Ancestry" by Prof. Alexander Winchell.

Time creeps toward us with folded wings, but when it is past, its wings seem to flap with speed.

Correspondence.  
College Notes.

Elder E. L. Yoder preached at the College Chapel Sunday morning, September 7. Subject: "The Judgment." We hope to hear from you again soon, Eli.

Everything goes on very quietly, the average citizen can scarcely realize that the College is in session on the hill.

Professor Ward reports that his department is fuller than ever before, and he almost goes into ecstasies over the aptitude of some of his pupils.

Now that the students are all so well behaved nobody will take offence at a little counsel. It is proper and right that students should have some recreation. It is natural and appropriate that the students of opposite sexes should associate to some extent. But that is not the purpose for which young people are sent to school. There are lessons to be studied, and social pleasures should never be allowed to interfere with the school work.

Some of the students were so busy last week that they barely discovered it was particularly warm.

The Societies both had good meetings, last Friday night.

The books donated to the College library are now on the road and are expected daily. Brother Cassel writes that he put in a few more than he promised, making about two hundred and seventy five volumes.

## "Where is Brother Swihart?"

I notice some of the readers of the EVANGELIST are asking where I am, and in answer would say, I am at home just now. I came from Edna Mills, Indiana, this morning. I was very unwell all last spring, and the forepart of the summer, but lately I went out in to the field again; began near Edna Mills, and closed the work in Edna. Had large attendance throughout, and good order while I tried to tell the old, old story, of Jesus and the cross. Believers were baptized. A few who had sinned against the Great Head of the German Baptist church, (annual meeting) and had therefore been expelled, were restored to membership in the Brethren church. Several also united by relation and others said they would unite soon.

During these meetings brethren Gordon and Seawright were in attendance a part of the time, and each preached one sermon. We also made a baptist of brother Gordon on one occasion.

I will rest a few days, and then try to respond to another of the many calls, and while so doing I sincerely desire the prayers of the readers of the EVANGELIST, to God in my behalf. Pray for us brethren.

J. H. SWIHART.

## A Log-Rolling.

One morning about four weeks ago, we were surprised by quite a number of brethren, sisters and friends, who came with well filled baskets. The sisters were soon at work quilting, while the brethren went to our clearing and assisted in cutting, rolling, and hauling the logs together. When night came the logs were ready to be burned, and a beautiful quilt was ready to leave the frames: not only this but other presents were given before they departed for their homes.

We had just finished burning those logs when our friends, apparently not satisfied with what they had done, came back. The sisters went to work at another quilt and the brethren at the clearing. When night came, there was another quilt finished and the clearing almost ready for the plow. The evening was spent in singing and praying.

We are very thankful to these people for their kindness, and ask the Lord to bless them abundantly.

D. M. RITTENHOUSE.

A. S. RITTENHOUSE.

Pioneer, O., August 13th.

It seems that the mind of brother Mason is somewhat perplexed in regard to a name on a church house of the German Baptists; all I know about the matter is this: About five miles south of the city of South Bend, there is a German Baptist meeting house. Said meeting house was closed against the Brethren last winter. This summer while brother Ullery was engaged in building a meeting house for the Brethren, one and a half miles north of the said German Baptist house the German Baptists remodeled and repainted their house and then placed over the door a board with this inscription,

THE BRETHRENS' CHURCH,  
1859.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

## Announcement.

Dear Evangelist: Please give notice through your paper, that the Brethren church at Jasper, Missouri, will hold a lovefeast on the first Saturday and Sunday in October. All are invited. By order of the church.

F. A. HENDRICKS.